\* This message is being sent to all EDFacts Submitters - also available online at www.ed.gov/edfacts/support.html \*

#### NEW! Data Submission for Part I of the SY 2011-12 CSPR is Closed

At this time, all state data entry for Part I of the SY 2011-12 CSPR is closed. ED is now focusing on preparing the data for publication in the coming months. PSC will notify states when the data are released.

Thank you for your efforts to ensure that accurate data will be published.

## **NEW!** Updated Version of the SY 2012-13 EDFacts File Format Checker is Available by Request from PSC

SY 2012-13 Version 3 is now available by request from PSC. This version now includes all SY 2012-13 filed files due through August 31<sup>st</sup>.

The following files are new to Version 3: C046, C059, C168. Please contact PSC to request a copy.

#### Reminder: 2013 EDFacts Coordinators Meeting

The 2013 EDFacts Coordinators Meeting will be held as a strand within the NCES STATS-DC 2013 Data Conference, July 17–19, 2013, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. The Department will be sponsoring two individuals from each state education agency to attend the meeting. More information will be forthcoming as plans are confirmed. Tentative topics to be covered at the meeting include: Updates on the SY 2013-14 EDFacts collection and the SY 2012-13 Consolidated State Performance Report; reporting for ESEA Flexibility and the School Improvement Grant program; Common Education Data Standards and EDFacts; and public releases of EDFacts data. If you have questions about participation or suggested topics for the meeting, please email Ross Lemke at ross.lemke@aemcorp.com.

### Reminder: SY 2013-14 File Specifications Posted to ED.gov

ED has begun posting SY 2013-14 file specifications on ED.gov. File Specifications can be found at the following link:

http://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/edfacts/sy-13-14-nonxml.html

Reminder: Review and Comment on SY 2013-14 FS 052 - Membership

A draft of the SY 2013-14 ED Facts FS052 – Membership has been posted. New definitions for reporting students in Grade 13 or Adult Education have been added. States are invited to review the file specification and send any comments or questions to PSC by April 19. ED will review state comments and questions and revise the guidance accordingly.

# PSC Online Meeting with States was held on April 3, 2013; Focus on Accessing Public Data Files on Data.gov and Approved SY 2013-14 EDFacts Clearance Package:

The April meeting took place on Wednesday, April 3, 2013. ED reviewed the approved ED Facts Clearance submission for SY 2013-14 during the PSC Monthly Online Meeting with States in April. ED also provided information on how to access public data files on data.gov.

A PDF of the PowerPoint presentations and the Questions Log from the Webinar are available from PSC.

The following are links to download a recording of the session and the full PowerPoint presentations:

Recording: http://www.mediafire.com/?1zr078kmcfbbet1

PSC PPT: http://www.mediafire.com/view/?sz0o31d33m233ah

Three Year ED Facts Clearance PPT: http://www.mediafire.com/view/?725k5vv3n0i7689

Data.gov PPT: http://www.mediafire.com/view/?xo6gff7hhnzn7a9

#### Reminder: How to Access and Preview Public Data Files

As mentioned in the webinar that was held on April 3rd, prior to ED's next release of public data files using EDFacts-reported data, if you have an account set up in data.gov and would like automatic access to view data files without needing to request access each time a new file is posted, please send an email to <a href="EDEN\_SS@ed.gov">EDEN\_SS@ed.gov</a> and specify the email address you used in setting up the account. Once a new data file is available to preview within the next few months, PSC will enable access for all EDFacts coordinators who have requested automatic access.

#### Reminder: Graduation Rate Metadata Survey

PSC sent the 21-question, short-answer survey pertaining to regulatory adjusted cohort graduation rates to ED*Facts* coordinators on Wednesday, March 20. Please forward the survey to whomever in your agency is responsible for setting the guidelines for the state's adjusted cohort graduation rate. Responses are due back to PSC by Friday, April 19. As you are aware, the graduation rate data submitted through ED*Facts* are receiving extensive scrutiny and use, and the Department would like to better

understand the variations in state policies and procedures in calculating the rates, particularly in how states are defining their cohorts. The information you provide is primarily for internal use within the Department; however, if the information would be useful in understanding anomalies in the data, some of the information may be shared in the explanatory notes included with public releases of the graduation rate data reported to *EDFacts*.

#### Upcoming Due Dates and Reminder to Update SSP as Necessary

#### SY 2011-12 Files

Flexibility Files (Due March 31)

- C171 Academic Achievement Flexibility Subgroups
- C172 Assessment Participation Flexibility Subgroups
- C173 Status Flexibility Subgroups
- C174 Graduation Rates Flexibility Subgroups
- C177 Cohorts for Graduation Rates Flexibility Subgroups
- C183 Title I Allocations Flexibility File

#### SY 2012-13 Files

NCES/CCD Files

(Due March 31)

- C033 Free and Reduced Price Lunch
- C052 Membership
- C129 CCD School

(Due April 30)

C046 LEP Students in LEP Program

OSEP Files (Due April 30)

C002 Children with Disabilities (IDEA) School-Age

NOTE: When a state is granted an extension request to submit a specific file later than the due date, this does not mean that the due date itself has changed.

#### **EDFacts System Status**

This is to provide the current status of the ED Facts Submission System (ESS) data:

ESS Status (weekly statistics from Wednesday to Wednesday)

System Status: ESS system is up and running

Files Received: 268

Files Processed: 158 (41superseded, 69 had errors)

Average File Processing Time: The average processing time was 14 minutes due to File Processing being shut off during Database Archival on 4/16/2013 – 4/17/2013, 2 large school level files from a state and several large .zip files.

Discounting these files, the average processing time was 1 min. 31 sec.

#### Support Issues, Solutions, and Metrics

The following is provided to give you some insight into issues being handled by your Partner Support Center (PSC):

There are no new issues affecting multiple SEAs.

There are no new or updated knowledgebase articles:

Average Time to Resolution (excluding weekends, 6 week rolling average)

Tickets requiring escalation: 8.635 days
Tickets not requiring escalation: 0.72 days
Response time to e-mail inquiries: 0.06 hours

Thank you, PSC

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